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In Re Application Of: Osakuma, K., et al.		
Serial No. 09/775,841	Filing Date February 1, 2001	Examiner Chih Cheng G. Kao
		Group Art Unit 2882
Title: OPTICAL SWITCH		
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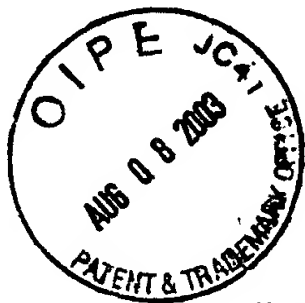
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
59-73720	May 18, 1984	Japan
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63-256928	October 24, 1988	Japan
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All of the references are not in the English language. English abstracts are included for Japanese Patent Application Nos. 59-33430, 63-256928, and 10-20348. An English translation is included for Japanese patent application no. 59-73720.

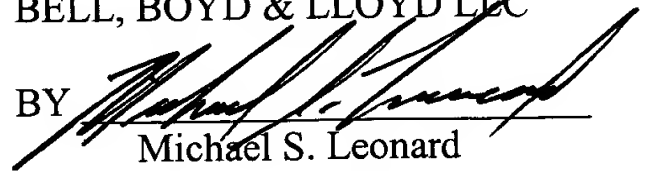
All of the cited references were cited in an Office Action dated June 3, 2003 in the corresponding Japanese priority application 2000-391681. An English language translation of the Office Action is enclosed. The English language translation of the Japanese Office Action is being submitted merely for English language supplements to the English language descriptions of the references which are already enclosed. Applicants do not admit any of the assertions in the Japanese Office Action, including any rejections or asserted disclosures in the references, for example.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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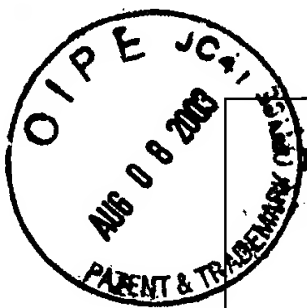
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